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## Just Around the Corner

Cherry Blossom Festival Starts March 31

The 2007 National Cherry Blossom Festival (NCBF) celebration runs from **March 31 to April 15**; plans are well underway for the 95th anniversary of the gift of cherry blossom trees from Japan to the United States. The landmark anniversary of the Festival is packed full of spectacular events and entertainment for the entire family.

Southwest Airlines presents the National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade® on Saturday, April 14 and tickets are **on sale now**. The parade begins at 10am and runs along Constitution Avenue between 7th & 17th Streets, N.W. While it feels cold outside, spring is just a few short months away so be sure to reserve a spot at the largest spectator event of the Festival! Tickets also make the perfect holiday gift for friends and family. Purchase through Ticket Master at 202-397-SEAT or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

Other events now available for purchase are the Grand Sushi & Sake Tasting and Gala Dinner Cruise aboard the Odyssey. Tickets are available at 202-661-7585. The full schedule is at [www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org](http://www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org).

The National Cherry Blossom Festival® has become a tradition for many Washingtonians and an event that is shared with the entire nation and our international visitors year after year. Festival organizers are anticipating nearly 1 million people will celebrate this year's National Cherry Blossom Festival®. Visitors are encouraged to take the Metro to NCBF events.

## SWNA March Elections

New officers and board members of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly will be elected at the elections held on Saturday, March 24th at Waterfront Mall, 401 M St. The hours of the elections are from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. At the board meeting in February, it was proposed that the bylaws be amended so that future SWNA officers and reps should serve 2 year terms. That bylaw change will be voted on at the March board meeting. SW officers will be elected by all SW residents age 18 or over; district representatives are elected only by residents of the individual districts. Find your district on the map which will be at the elections.

## Shakeup Rocks SW/SE Waterfront

By Dale MacIver & Carole Early

Resignation of CEOs for both DC agencies in charge of redeveloping the Anacostia and Southwest Waterfronts and Waterside Mall has shocked Southwest and put in jeopardy the billion dollar plans for SW/SE recon-

struction.

Anthony Freeman, CEO of the National Capital Revitalization Corporation (NCRC) that is redeveloping Waterside Mall, resigned on Feb. 6 and Adrian G. Washington, CEO of the Anacostia

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## Black History Month at SWNA Meeting

Monday, February 26, St. Augustine's Church, 6th & M St.s at 7:30

Invited guests are schools and organizations within Southwest or organizations which service our area. The following have confirmed their attendance and participation:

Award-winning journalist/author Doug Smith will autograph a select number of complimentary copies of his book "Whirlwind - The Life and Times of Dr. Robert Walter Johnson." Dr. Johnson guided the careers of Arthur Ashe and Althea Gibson.

Each invited guest will do an 8-10

minute presentation on their respective organization followed by questions from the audience. After the program ends, nominations will be taken from floor for candidates to the SWNA board.

At the completion of the meeting, guests are invited downstairs to the tables of each participant to pick up literature and learn more about the organizations, including how they can volunteer or seek their service.

## A Southwester Through And Through

By Jean Macdonald, YATF Chair

Rising star in the Southwest neighborhood galaxy is Rhonda Hamilton, newly elected commissioner for ANC 6D06, serving also as the ANC secretary.

Rhonda is a native Southwester, who graduated from Syphax Elementary, Jefferson Junior High, Duke Ellington High School and UDC, in 2004 with a degree in psychology. Her ANC area includes Syphax Gardens, condos, and townhouses, Tel Court Coop, on and near P Street, Canal St., First and Second Sts., and Q St. Rhonda wanted to become a commissioner so she could keep abreast of the many redevelopment projects in the area and be able to represent the public hous-



Rhonda Hamilton

ing interests which are often threatened by the upheaval redevelopment causes. Her immediate challenge is how to best get information out to her constituents.

Because new high rise apartments are being planned behind Syphax Townhouses the developers need to be made aware of their responsibility to the community. Rhonda wishes to start classes in home ownership now, so that area residents who want to become home owners are ready and eligible to apply for these new low income units when they become available.

Rhonda's daytime job ties in directly with her desire to work with people. She is a family support worker with the

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## ANC 6D Special Election to Fill the Vacancy in SMD 6D03

**When:** Monday, March 12, 2007, During the ANC Meeting. Meeting will commence at 7:00 p.m. Balloting to elect a Commissioner of SMD 6D03 will commence at 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** St. Augustine's Church, 600 M Street SW, Washington, DC

**Candidates Alphabetically:** Brown, Clarence, 350 G Street SW and McBee, Ron, 827 3rd Street SW have been certified by DC BOEE

**Who may Vote:** Registered voter of SMD 6D03 only, who provides a voter identification card showing SMD 6D 03 residence or who is on the BOEE supplied list of SMD 6D03 registered voters

**Election Official:** Election Manager appointed by the ANC Chairperson

**Counting the Votes:** After the voting has ended, votes will be counted by at least two impartial vote counters. The results will be submitted to the Chairperson of the ANC, who in turn will read them aloud.

**Filling the Vacancy:** Following announcement of the results of the election, the ANC will vote on a resolution stating the name of the winner and asking the Board of Elections to declare the vacancy filled by the winner.

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## SHAKEUP

From p. 1

Waterfront Corporation (AWC), responsible for the Anacostia and Maine Ave. SW waterfronts, resigned Feb. 13.

Adrian Washington will “resume his previous activities as a local developer and entrepreneur” and Anthony Freeman will “return to the private sector...in business and real estate investment, operations and development,” according to releases from the two agencies.

A bill in the Council of the District of Columbia to abolish the two agencies will have a hearing on March 13.

DC Council member Jack Evans, D-Ward-2 (Georgetown and downtown), who until a few years ago, was council person for the SW Area has introduced legislation to abolish the NCRC and another quasi-public organization, the Anacostia Waterfront Corporation, that is tasked with carrying out the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative (AWI) like the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation (PADC) did with the revitalization of Pennsylvania Avenue NW. Hearings are scheduled for March 13th at the Wilson Building.

One wonders what effect these actions will have on redevelopment of Waterfront Mall and with the plans for the Southwest and Southeast waterfronts. Ward 6 Council member Tommy Wells indicated at a recent meeting that he and Kwame Brown, Council member at Large, are committed to not having any of those projects start over but to proceed in a timely manner as possible to assure little or no delay in their implementation.

## Southwest Community Calendar March, 2007

**MON. FEB. 26** SWNA Monthly public meeting, celebrating Black History, St. Augustine's Church, M & 6th St. SW, 7:30 pm. SWNA will take nominations for officers and reps from the floor.

**FRI. MAR. 2** \$20 Southwest Night at Arena Stage 8 pm

**TUES. MAR. 6** Police Citizens Advisory Council, 415 4th St SW, 7 pm

**MON. MAR. 12** Open meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D, St. Augustine's Church, 6th & M SW, 7 pm

**THURS. MAR. 15** Police PSA 104, 7 pm at Town Square Towers Condominium Apartments 700 - 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20024.

**SAT. MAR. 17** \$5 public breakfast, Christ Methodist Church, 4th & I (Eye) St. SW - entrance across from SW Library

**WED. MAR. 21** AARP lunch, RiverPark, 1311 Delaware Ave. SW, 12 noon

**THURS. MAR. 22** NARFE, SW Library, K St. & Wesley Pl SW, 12:30 pm

**MON. MAR. 26** SWNA annual meeting, St. Augustine's Church, M & 6th St. SW, 7:30 pm

**THURS. MARCH 29** RiverPark Annual Meeting, 1311 Delaware Ave., SW, 10:00 am

### WEEKLY, BI-WEEKLY

**KOMEN TOASTMASTERS** – First & Third Sat., S.W. Library, 10 am.

**FIL-AM TOASTMASTERS** – Second & Fourth Wed., S.W. Library, 6:15 pm.

**SCHOOL ST. TOASTMASTERS** – Every Tues., 400 Virginia Ave. S.W., Room 488 – noon.

**WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTORS** Club – First & Third Wed., Christ United Methodist Church, 300 block of I (Eye) St. S.W., 7 pm 202-291-6229.

**S.W. KIWANIS** – First & Third Mon., Christ United Methodist Church, 4th & I St. S.W., 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

**NEW SOUTHWEST TOASTMASTERS** – Every Wed. GSA Bldg – 7th & D St. S.W., Room 5009 (inside cafeteria), noon.

**LABYRINTH WALK** – First & Third Wed., Westminster Church, 4th & I St., SW, 7 pm.

Please submit calendar items for the next issue by Wednesday, March 7.

## The Southwester Thanks All its Advertisers

Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Inc (SWNA) Board members appreciate and welcomes any financial support so that the *Southwester* monthly community newspaper can continue. Because of the construction in Southwest, many of our long-time advertisers have had to move. We do want to thank Monument Realty and KCI who are new advertisers. We also want to welcome back AppleTree, Capitol Hill Spirits

and Deli (formerly Harry's Liquor) and Tiber Island, and we want to give a special “thank you” to our old faithfuls, Washington Cable, Mary Kay, The Arena Stage, Splash, Grace E LLC, Photos Plus, Saini, Ann's Beauty, Dr. Tran, and H2O. Jaffra Cosmetics, we salute you as our newest advertiser. We are especially appreciative of the wonderful support given to us by Jenny's Restaurant.

Dear Southwesters and Capitol Hill Residents –

This 14th Street Bridge project appears innocuous, however, the study area includes *all* of SW and extends beyond S. Capitol Street and into Capitol Hill. Depending upon how this plan develops it could have very broad consequences for several neighborhoods. Your input is critical at the very beginning of this process so we are not surprised by the recommendations, which could conceivably include new Expressway ramps sending thousands more cars each day through our local streets and neighborhoods.

Please attend this public workshop on Tuesday, February 27th at the Amidon School from 6:30-8:30pm. Log onto the website below to see exactly how broad an area is under study. The project website is at [www.14thstreetbridgecorridoreis.com](http://www.14thstreetbridgecorridoreis.com)

—Andy Litsky, Commissioner, ANC04D

## LOCAL NEWS

### Not sure of your district for SWNA Board elections? Check this list

**District 1** North of M Street and west of 4th St, including: Marinas on Waterfront; Marina View Towers, Waterside Towers and Townhouses, Town Square Towers and townhouses, the Commons. Capitol Square

**District 2** North of M Street and east of 4th to South Capitol Street, including: 1001 and 1101 3rd St SW, 800 4th St., Capitol Park townhouses, 301 G St., 101-103 G St., 201 Eye St., Greenleaf Annex.

**District 3** South of M St. and west of Delaware and Canal St and south to the Anacostia River, including: Ft. McNair, Harbour Square, Tiber Island, Edgewater, Riverside, Channel Square, River Park apartments and townhouses, Carrollsburg Condominiums and townhouses, St. James Mutual Homes.

**District 4** south of M Street and east of Delaware and Canal St., including Greenleaf, Greenleaf Seniors, James Creek, Syphax Gardens, Tel-Court, and townhouses on Carrollsburg, Syphax Village Condominiums, Howison St., Half St., 1st St, 2nd St., N, O, P, and Q Streets.

### Police Awards Banquet

By Dale MacIver

The annual police awards banquet of the First District Citizens Advisory Council will be held Sat. Mar. 3 at the Washington Navy Yard Conference Center. Tickets are \$35 and must be purchased by Wed. Feb. 28. Send check payable to "MPD 1D CAC" and send to First District Headquarters, 415 4th St. SW, DC 20024. For info contact the First District Desk (202) 698-0555.

### Drivers Safety Class (formerly, 55 Alive)

The AARP will conduct a class for seniors on Friday, March 9 at the SW Library, 10:00 – 3:00. Bring a bag lunch. The fee is \$10.00

If you are interested in participating, call Loretta Clarke at 202/554-7775.

This class will enable you to possible discounts on Car insurance.

### Tommy Wells Holds First SW Breakfast Meeting

By Ron McBee

On Wednesday February 3rd, Ward 6 Council member Tommy Wells held his first promised SW community "coffee and talk" session, which is an informal meeting for the residents of SW and near SE to be able to have an opportunity to talk about their concerns and issues. Approximately 20 people attended the session that was held in the Channel Inn grill on the waterfront. Mr. Wells had his chief of staff, Charles Allen, in attendance as well as Naomi Mitchell, Community Outreach Coordinator, and Twanna Shuford, Constituent Services, from his office. Forms were provided to help facilitate constituent requests. This is planned for the second Thursday of each month at 8 AM to be held presently at the Channel Inn. You can call Tommy Wells or any of his staff at (202) 724-8072.

### Seniors Police Academy

Submitted by Naomi Monk from Washington Post

According to a recent article in the Washington Post, D.C. police and the city's Office on Aging are signing up people to participate in the 2007 Senior Citizens Police Academy, a program that offers an inside look at crime prevention and policing.

The academy starts March 20 and will run for 12 weeks, with classes Tuesday mornings. Instructors will provide crime prevention tips, an overview of police operations and tours of police facilities and the courts. The program is open to those 50 and older who are willing to work with police in their communities. It was launched in 2005.

Additional information is available by calling Marsha Hott at 202-727-8751. Applications are available at police district stations or online at [www.mpdcc.gov/scpa](http://www.mpdcc.gov/scpa). They are due March 1.

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# Candidates for Mar. 24 SWNA Election

Biographies were requested of all. The following were submitted

## CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT

**Marge Maceda** has been President of SWNA for three years. She served as a district representative for SWNA in 2001. She is a Special Education Coordinator for DCPS and has taught a class for welfare-to-work mothers. She has taught classes at Southeastern University in SW. She sits on the Mayor's Advisory Committee for Early Childhood and is a member of the Mayor's Neighborhood Action Team. She lives in Harbour Square.

## CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT

**Carolyn G. Mitchell** was SWNA District 3 Board Member, is Secretary to the Channel Square Tenants Association, A member of the Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) She is dedicated to the residents of SW. A team player, a quick learner with great organizational skills. Willing to see a project to the end. Has a listening ear and a caring heart.

## CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY

(no candidate by press time)

## CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER

**Ellen Winship**, Professional Experience: Senior accountant and financial policy, OPM; formerly Director, Financial Management, Bureau of Export Administration.

Nonprofit experience: Treasurer. Carrollsborg Condominium, 1983-present. Vice president, Carrollsborg board of directors; past treasurer, Association of American Foreign Service Women

## CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT ONE

**Lida Holland Churchville** has served as a District One representative for the Southwest Neighborhood Association since 2004. A retired federal librarian, Churchville currently manages an information research business from her home. A member of the Ward 6 Democrats, Churchville serves as one of two captains in Southwest's Precinct 142.

She serves on SWNA's History Task Force. Churchville works in the Waterside Towers Residents Association. Lida writes occasional articles for the Southwester newspaper.

**Perry Klein**, incumbent District 1 representative, has been a resident of Town Square Towers Condominium, 700

Seventh Street since 1971. He and his daughter, Sherry have been maintaining SWNA's Internet Web site, [www.swdc.org](http://www.swdc.org) since 1999. It currently averages about 1,600 visitors a month. He and his wife own Washington Cable. He is in charge of distribution for the Southwester newspaper.

## CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT TWO

**Peter Atlee**. Recent graduate from the University of Delaware and resident of Southwest since summer 2006. Pete has recently started a new job in public relations. As an Eagle Scout, he was active in his Pennsylvania community and hopes to take an active role in improving Southwest through hard work.

**Faid Ben Amor** no bio submitted by press time

## CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT THREE

**Meg Brinckman**. Resident of Southwest since 1992. SWNA District 3 Representative 2001-2003, SWNA Secretary 2005-2007. Served on several Harbour Square Committees 1993 to present. Harbour Square Board member four years, including serving as president two years.

Main Goal for 2007-8-increase distribution of information and participation in every part of Southwest.

**Erich Hosbach** has many duties at the Mandarin Oriental including staff training, catering sales, guest relations, and community outreach programs. His role with Mandarin Oriental brings him to our southwest community where he most recently spent time handing out books to Elementary School students and delivering towels, shampoo and other necessities to DC homeless shelters and outreach groups. He is a resident of Carrollsborg Condominium

## CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT 4

**Ken LaCruise** - Four-year homeowner at Manna housing development at the historic Syphax School; current District 4 Rep to SWNA; former sales associate for Nordstrom who recently has established a catering business. Lived one and half years in Switzerland and studied German. Holds a B.A. in Political Science from York University, Toronto, Canada. Born and raised in Jamaica and is a US citizen.

(You can volunteer to serve on the Board by calling Naomi Monk, nominating committee chair at 202/479-0442).

## An Update on the S.W. Health Clinic

By Donna Alston

The Southwest Community Health Clinic, SWCHC, has been serving residents of the District of Columbia for nearly 60 years. It is the oldest community-based health center in the United States. The Clinic is located at 850 Delaware Ave., SW, at the corner of Delaware and I Streets. The days and hours of operation are Monday thru Friday from 8.15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. The clinic is handicapped accessible. The handicap entrance is in the rear of the building, off the clinic's parking lot.

SWCHC accepts appointment as well as Walk-in patients The Medical appointment number is 202-548-4520, the Dental appointments number is 202-548-4561.

SWCHC began during the administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt. In an effort to offset the shabby living conditions just blocks from the Capital, a comprehensive health center was designed in 1939 and opened its door the following year. The

Clinic has always provided a full range of services. Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, OB/GYN, Podiatry, Psychiatry, Pre-Natal classes, Social Services Assistance, WIC, Laboratory testing, Immunizations, Nutrition counseling, Patient Education, HIV/Aids Counseling and Testing, Diabetic Counseling, Breast and Cervical Cancer screening and Dental Care. SWCHC also has an insurance enrollment Representative on site who is able to assist patients through the enrollment process for any of the following plans: Medicaid, Healthright and Chartered. In addition to all of these other services, there is a pharmacy which is open from 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

If you are receiving DC Medicaid and have been told to choose an HMO or a doctor, you can choose the Southwest Community Health Center. You'll receive excellent medical services right here in your neighborhood. Please feel free to call Michelle Chevalier, Health Center Manager at 202-548-4566 or Nichie C. Douglas, Nurse Manager at 202-548-4567.

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## HAMILTON

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South Washington Collaborative. She works with families in the Collaborative's Youth Truancy Reduction Intervention Program (YTRIP), in partnership with Jefferson Junior High School, which had a high truancy rate in the past. Through school referrals, she meets with families to address issues related to truancy. Rhonda confessed that assisting families can be both challenging and rewarding at the same time. She got her first experiences

working in SW as a volunteer with the Syphax Garden's Resident Council, and with the 2000 census, ringing doorbells.

Rhonda attends Westminster Presbyterian Church, shares an office in St. Augustine's Episcopal Church with two co-workers, lives in Syphax Gardens, is a member of the Youth Activities Task Force (and a former participant in its programs) and a past recipient of the Scholarship Fund, both part of SWNA. She's a Southwester through and through - living, working and volunteering in her own community.

## Daylight Savings Time

**Remember To Move Your Clocks Ahead One Hour On March 11**



# DC Elected Officials Introduced at SWNA General Meeting

By Meg Brinckman, SWNA Sec'y

Each elected official in attendance at the Jan. 22 SWNA public meeting made brief comments and answered questions from the floor.

**Ronda Hamilton**, newly elected ANC Commissioner for district 6D06 and Secretary of the ANC commented on the need for employment and programs for youth in Southwest.

**Max Skolnick**, ANC Commissioner for 6D01 and Treasurer of the ANC, pledged accuracy in the ANC books and concern that SW residents have vital retail services during the redevelopment of Waterfront. He mentioned the need for partnerships with schools in the area.

**Roger Moffatt**, ANC Chair and Commissioner of ANCD05, remarked on the extent development will dominate the discussion in the coming year.

**Andy Litsky**, Vice Chair and ANCD04 Commissioner, emphasized that development in this area should result in changes that SW residents want and need. He reported that the monthly ANC meetings would be held on the second Monday in St Augustine's Episcopal Church.

**David Sobelsohn**, ANC 6D02 Commissioner, focused on the major concern for SW, development and the need to educate developers to the position that the development should benefit those living here, not just those who will come to SW. He expressed concern for the safety during the protracted period of development.

**Kwame Brown**, Council Person-at-Large began with a discussion of the hearings he would hold soon to abolish

both AWC and NCRC as planning agencies. He called attention to the fact that there are 42 major projects in Ward 6. He stressed that his experience in Ward 2 has taught him that the major question is the social return of these development for the residents. He supports the requirement of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) status for new development.

Comments from the floor covered a range of topics: a resident's effort to compile a list of developments in SW, the need for developers to utilize best practices to assure that the community gets promised benefits, and a proposal for a weighted system for affordable housing to assure that current SW residents get to stay in the community. This needs to be coupled with efforts to educate local residents on how to qualify for the new housing.

**Phil Mendelson**, Council Person-at-Large, commented on the discussions of the parking garages at the Baseball Stadium. He supports a narrowing of the zoning change to permit building of the proposed garages, but does not support changes in zoning for the whole site. He supports maintaining the \$600 Million cap and will not vote to increase the cap. He also discussed the proposal to build a consolidated forensics lab on the site presently occupied by the First Police District. The contract for design has been approved. The First District headquarters will be updated and relocated at 225 Virginia Avenue, SE.

Questions and comments were offered about the need for increased police presence in SW, better programs in prisons, drug markets near the stadium construc-

tion area. Mendelson said that a bill that is pending to increase police powers in Drug Free Zones would help in the effort to reduce drug trafficking.

**Tommy Wells**, Ward Six Council Person, commented on the role SWNA plays to provide the forum for leaders to contact the community. Although he is new on the Council, he has a long history with SW. He will chair the Human Services Committee. He supports the development of a Job Center in SW which would offer services on many levels, including "Job Coaches" to give residents greater support to keep their jobs. A Job Center would need to be a partnership with the city, SWNA, ANC as well as businesses in the area.

**Lisa Raymond**, District 2, School Board Member, which covers Wards 5 & 6, spoke of the discussion between the Mayor's Office and the School Board about the control of DC Schools. The School Board will make a counter proposal. However, in the meantime the need to move forward to improve student achievement is primary. In our area, Amidon and Bowen will be consolidated, with Amidon closing this summer. It will be used as space for students from schools undergoing renovations- for the foreseeable future. Jefferson will remain a Junior High. The buildings in SW will be kept in the portfolio because future needs cannot now be fully anticipated.

**Reverend Martha Clark**, Pastor of St Augustine's Episcopal Church, welcomed all.

After the session was concluded, all were invited to enjoy the fine refreshments provided by Islandstyle Caterers and Event Planners, hosted by Ken LaCruise and Trevor Mullings. Many residents were able to speak directly to their elected representatives.



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## Celebrating Black History Month

By Lida Churchville

When Dr. Carter G. Woodson initiated Negro History Week in 1926, the week chosen included the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Fredrick Douglass - February 12th and February 14th. In 1976 this symbolic week was extended to the full month of February and called Black History Month. Since this year's February has only 28 days, and February 19th is a federal holiday, there is not a lot of time left for Southwest residents to celebrate the importance of honoring our African-American history. All of the events described below are close to Metro's Green Line and many of them are accessible by any 7th Street bus.

- All of February, **National Portrait Gallery**, F Street between 7th & 9th Sts., 11:30 am - 7 pm. Exhibit: *Josephine Baker: Image and Icon*.
- February 16-19, 10am - 5:30pm. \*National Archives, East Rotun-

da Gallery (Enter on Constitution Avenue): Preliminary Emancipation Proclamation. was issued on January 1, 1863.

- February 20, Tuesday, at noon, **National Archives**, Research Center, Room G-24. Archivists Walter Hill and Lisha Penn will discuss their work on *Federal Reports Relating to Civil Rights in the Post-World War II Era*.
- February 1-February 18, Ford Theatre in a co-production with African Continuum Theater Company, 511 10th Street, NW. August Wilson's *Jitney*.
- All of February, **Arena Stage**, 1101 6th St. SW. August Wilson's *Gem of the Ocean*.
- All of February, Civil War Memorial
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# Kids & Schools

## Mayor's School Takeover – Pro & Con

**V**oices are being heard on both sides of the question posed by newly elected Mayor Adrian Fenty should the public school system continue under the Board of Education or be run as any other District agency under the mayor.

Citywide At-Large Council Member Carol Schwarz argues NO. When Mayor Anthony Williams proposed a takeover a few years ago “Mayor Fenty, who was on the Council at that time... opposed a mayoral takeover of the schools,” she says. “The mayor already has a daunting task ahead of him with his *current* responsibilities for running this city. Adding schools to the mix could be catastrophic.”

Mayor Fenty argues IN FAVOR of the changes he is calling for. Two examples are his changes in school maintenance and with charter schools:

“...separate from the DC Public Schools the tasks of modernizing, renovating, repairing, cleaning and maintaining its public school buildings.” [by creating a management and construction authority].

[On charter schools] “mandate review of the performance of a public charter school by its authorizer once every 3 years” [and] “make failure to meet academic achievement goals a reason for charter revocation...”



## Facilities For Athletics at Wilson High

*A hundred parents, coaches and school athletes pressed for funds to repair athletic facilities at Wilson High. The Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) organized the meeting to support \$10 million in the DC School System's Capital Improvement Plan. Ballou, Dunbar, Coolidge and Roosevelt High are similarly in line for repairs of their athletic facilities.*

## Boys and Girls Club #4

By Adrian Dickerson

**I** was attending #4 Boys and Girls Club ever since I was about 7 years old. I played for their football team for four years. We won some games and lost games: we cheered and we cried. But when it all falls down, we had fun and that's what mattered the most. Also I played basketball and baseball. I am currently playing basketball for #4. I play point guard for the Boys 14 and under team. The coaches that helped to make me a better player and a better person in the world are Ronald Hines and Jake Baker. (I almost forgot about my first coach Greg.) He taught me how to play the game and be a team player. Club #4 is a great place to let your child be free and to meet new people.



Adrian Dickerson

## \$30 million For School Repairs Now Says Bobb

**T**he D.C. Board of Education has moved \$30 million of FY 2007 funds for a *blitz* of building repairs to start immediately, with work at nights and weekends.

If this city can build a baseball stadium in three years, then we can fix our schools immediately, said newly elected Board President Robert Bobb. No excuses are acceptable.

Included in the \$30 million is the \$6.2 million from the recent sale of the Randall Jr. High building at 65 I (Eye) St. S.W. for the Corcoran Gallery of Art School.

Repairs will include restrooms, water fountains, security doors, exterior lighting, window replacements, painting at the District's elementary schools. The program will total \$75 million over two years.

## Creativity at Westminster



*At left, Co-Pastor Rev. Ruth Hamilton, left, and Blossom Athey show off the creative crafts of children of the church.*

A celebration of God's gift of creativity brought out painting, drawing, collage, paper crafts and jazz music on a Saturday afternoon in Jan. at Westminster Presbyterian Church on I (Eye) St. SW.

## 2007 D.C. Lottery Black History Calendar Available

“Generations of Jazz on the U Street Beat,” is the title of the D.C. Lottery and Charitable Games Control Board's 2007 Black History Calendar, which is available now.

This year's calendar features native Washingtonians: Duke Ellington, Roger “Buck” Hill, Ronnie Wells, and Davey Yarborough and highlights the prominence of jazz and the U Street Corridor in the Washington, D. C. Community from the early 1900's to today. Calendars are free and available at one of two locations:

1. D.C. Lottery and Charitable Games Control Board

2101 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20020

2. D.C. Lottery Claim Center  
2000 14th Street, N.W., Frank D. Reeves Municipal Center, Lobby Level, Washington, D.C. 20009

**Requests for 10 or more calendars must be submitted in writing on business letterhead.** Please be sure to include how many calendars are needed, as well as the number of people in the organization. Fax requests to: Communications Department at 202/698-1938. For more information, call 202/645-7900. Calendars are available while supplies last.



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## Jan Eichhorn Visiting Florida

By Ron McBee

SW resident **Jan Eichhorn** has stepped down as the President of the Ward 6 Democrats. To many this was a great surprise given the importance the group played in the past local and national elections. Ward 6 Democrats has become the organization to be involved in if you want to know what is going on in your community, Ward 6 and the City. Jan has taken the organizational meetings beyond just being a place for exchanging business cards and smoozing.

The Ward 6 Democrats have shifted their meetings to "issue forums" where you might hear the issues involved with the National Capitol Medical Center, affordable housing, youth violence, education, re-entry of criminals, health, to name just a few topics. Of course this past year the Ward 6 Democrats have held a number of very well attended and reported on candidate forums - often making the radio or TV news and papers Jan has opened the organization to being where anyone can come and learn more about the issues in their community and find a way to become involved.

Jan hails from Illinois. She worked in the Senate for Senator Gaylord Nelson; was a DC delegation to the National Democratic Convention, 1968; Deputy State Coordinator for McGovern in 1972 in Wisconsin; organized Paul Simon's Presidency in DC; and was on the Voting Rights Coalition Staff. Jan served there as the Executive Director from 1972-74, during which time DC achieved Home Rule and was recognized for their professional achievements by Women United for Civic and Government Improvement. Jan is also the former editor of The Southwester. She was editor in the '70s.

She has been featured on WETA TV and radio as a "Hometown Hero" for organizing an after-school mentoring and tutoring program for children on Capitol Hill, called Friends of Tyler School or FOTS. Jan is also stepping down as Chair. The program while serving students from Tyler is no longer tied to Tyler or elementary children but has expanded to K-12 and is serving some past students who are in college. FOTS also provides cultural enrichment experiences as well as classes in math, science, reading, and computer skills. They also provide an after school homework center as well.

Jan said this does not mean "I will not be involved and I am not moving from SW", which she dearly loves. "I will be going to Florida for 4 months of the year due to health issues and it is very difficult to be as active as I would like or as needed." Thank you Jan for making SW and the District a better place.

## Thelma Jones Donates Open House Proceeds

**K**udos to SW civic leader Thelma Jones on her successful Mary Kay Open House in December. Jones' sales totaled over \$550 with orders still coming in, including requests for facials and skin care classes. Congratulations are also in order for her outstanding performance as a Ruby Star Consultant in Mary Kay Cosmetics for the contest quarter ending mid-December. Jones has earned the prestigious Star Consultant honor eight times since the beginning of her Mary Kay career in 1990. This honor qualifies her for another Ladder of Success pin that is adorned with a sapphire star (her birthstone) to signify her level of achievement. Her award-winning performance was achieved when she placed

a minimum of \$1,800 wholesale orders from the company during the contest period.

Recognizing the source of much of her Mary Kay sales, Jones generously donated \$350 of her Open House proceeds for community outreach efforts, including \$250 to the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) and \$100 to River Park Friends where she is a board member. Since 1990, Jones has enthusiastically shared her Mary Kay products and earnings with the community, including conducting training sessions on grooming to more than 50 youth under the auspices of the SW Youth Activities Task Force, regularly providing refreshments at SWNA's monthly and special joint meet-

ings with ANC6D, supporting the South Washington Collaborative Annual Health Fair, hosting a Skin Wellness Seminar.

As for Jones' dream to earn a Mary Kay "pink Cadillac", she smiles wryly and says "that's still in the picture. With all of the development occurring in the community, earning potentials are greater even if traffic congestion creates limited opportunities to enjoy my Cadillac in style. For the moment, I'll just continue my focus on inspiring beauty and enriching lives while enjoying the recognition and extra income for outreach purposes, international travel and all the delightful things a lady like me desires to have."

## Sojourner Truth Commemorated in the US Capitol

**T**he bill to place the statue of Sojourner Truth in the U.S. Capitol was passed in late January. Dr. E. Faye Williams, Esq., national chair of the National Congress of Black Women, Inc. (NCBW) congratulates Senator Hillary Clinton and Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee for their persistent efforts in securing passage of the Sojourner Truth Bill (HR. 4510). She becomes the first Black woman to have a statue in the Capitol!

The late Dr. C. DeLores Tucker, NCBW national chair from 1994 - 2005, initiated the Sojourner Truth Crusade in 1997 upon learning that a monument commemorating American Suffragists was to be placed in the US Capitol that did not include the likeness of Sojourner Truth. Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney immediately accepted the charge to introduce the Bill. While the Sojourner Truth Bill did not pass when first introduced, Congresspersons Major Owens, Diane Watson and Sheila Jackson Lee remained committed to the campaign and continued introducing legislation until Congresswoman Jackson Lee received notification of final passage in December, 2005.



Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton and Dr. Tucker canvassed the halls of the United States Capitol for bipartisan support of the Sojourner Truth Bill. Indeed, what turned out to be Dr. Tucker's last visit to Capitol Hill was a press conference with Senator William Frist and a chance meeting with Senator Trent Lott secured additional sponsors for the Bill. Clearly, America's legislature recognized the need for "Truth in the US Capitol".

Dr. E. Faye Williams said, "This is a great honor for Black women everywhere,

and we are grateful to all who worked to make it happen. While we have struggled for a very long time to keep Sojourner Truth's legacy alive, we recognize that it is through our struggles that we gain our victories. We pray that some day, the original monument to the Women's Movement will be modified, and that Sojourner will take her rightful place on the same portrait with the women she mentored: Susan B. Anthony, Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton."

NCBW has formed a "Commission for Truth" to insure the completion of the statue of Sojourner. Some of the early Commission members include Cicely Tyson, Janet Langhart Cohen, Dick Gregory, Assemblyman Mervyn Dymally, Assemblywoman Gwen Moore, Dr. Jynona Norwood, Danny Bakewell, Joe and Sherry Madison, Mark Planning, Darlene Young and Dr. Lorraine Cole

**NCBW welcomes contributions for completing the statue. Please send to NCBW, 1224 W Street, SE; Washington, DC 20020. Telephone: 301/562-8000. Website: [www.npcbw.org](http://www.npcbw.org). Write Sojourner Fund in the memo section of your check or money order.**

## Arena Stage Unveils the New Name

By Olga Woltman

**A**rena Stage marked a milestone, raising over \$100 million towards its major renovation initiative, which includes the creation of a state-of-the-art theater campus. Located at Sixth Street and Maine Avenue SW, Arena Stage is in the heart of the redevelopment initiative taking place on the Southwest Waterfront.

The new facility will be known as Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater in honor of Gilbert and Jaylee Mead, who donated close to \$35 million toward the project, the largest gift ever made to an American regional theater. The Meads, who are long time Arena Stage supporters and board members since 1991, are newly appointed Life Trustees.

With the help of this major contribution, Arena Stage has raised 85 percent of the funds needed for the Next Stage Campaign, a \$120 million fundraising project launched in 2002. The theater's Board of Trustees donated more than \$23 million and an additional 10 private gifts of a million dollars or more were made by private donors and foundations.

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## 3rd Annual Tiber Island Artists Exhibit

The work of the Artists of Tiber Island is currently on exhibit in the South Building lobby at 429 N St. SW. This is the third year this informal group of artists residing in the Tiber Island cooperative have come together to exhibit their work and attempt to brighten up the February winter.

The 14 artists exhibiting this year include August Becker, Ed Brooks, John Carroll, Ruth Cuestas, Tom Edes, Adolph Henderickson, Kay Layne, Alyson Muff, Terry Parmelee, Melanie Phung, Beryl Rice, Paul St. Hilaire, Tom Walsh, and Bill Whiston.

Works range from realistic to abstract including medias of oil, acrylic, watercolor, mixed media, photography, and giclee. The show will remain up until February 19.



Alyson Muff



Bill Whiston



Ed Brooks



Left to right: Ed Brooks, Terry Parmelee, Kay Layne (curator of the exhibit), Ruth Cuestas, Bill Whiston, Tom Walsh, John Carroll, Tommy Wells, Alyson Muff, Paul St. Hilaire. Not in photo: Dr. Beryl Rice



Kay Layne



Ruth Cuestas



Terry Parmelee

## Ironwood Recorder Consort Featured at March 7 *Art in the Spirit*

By Elaine Graves

One of the special rewards of playing music with other people is that the musical experience is richer. Hours of practice together perfecting our musical techniques on these ancient instruments evokes a spirit of mutual love and respect for the music and each other's musical abilities," states Bruce Crane, a recorder player and member of the Ironwood Recorder Consort, the featured musical group in the month-

ly series, *Art in the Spirit*, on Wednesday, March 7.

The program, seventh of the series, continues at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church and St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 600 M Street, SW. with a 6:30 p.m. community potluck, followed at 7:15 p.m. by the *Art in the Spirit* program and discussion. A short Evening Prayer service at 8:15 p.m. concludes the evening. For further information, contact St. Augustine's church at 202-554-3222.

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**February 28, 2007**

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(The agenda for each date will be the same.)

**6:30 - 7:00 PM – Open House**

**7:00 - 8:30 PM - Presentation and Workshop**



\*Note: Study area limits subject to change as the study progresses.

For more information about the study area, public workshops, the 14th Street Bridge Corridor EIS, or to sign up for the project mailing list:

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## Dale MacIver Receives Award



*Dale MacIver receives an award from Rev. Brian Hamilton for being so supportive and for being a driving force for Jazz Night at Westminster Church. Dale is a key member of SWNA and the editor of the Southwester.*

## Mandarin Donates to Needy Organizations

By Renee Sharrow, Public Relations Manager, Mandarin Oriental

On Monday, February 5, Mandarin Oriental, Washington D.C. donated hundreds of fluffy bath towels, cotton swabs, nail files, cotton balls, shower caps, and individual bottles of shampoo and conditioner to the community outreach centers in the Southwest and Southeast neighborhood.

With the guidance of Naomi Monk from the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Mandarin Oriental colleagues Erich Hosbach, Director of Business Development - Events and Renee Sharrow, Public Relations Manager, delivered the charitable items to Virginia Williams Resource Shelter on M Street SW, to the South Washington/West of the River Family Strengthening Collaborative on Half Street SW, as well as Covenant House Washington on Mississippi Ave in SE.

We are delighted to make contributions to these fine organizations that work so tirelessly to assist those in need, in turn strengthening our community as a whole," said Hosbach.

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*At left, Naomi Monk from Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Erich Hosbach, Director of Business Development - Events for Mandarin Oriental and Jean Hunter, Clinical Manager of Virginia Williams Family Resource Center.*

*Below, Cully Lundgren, Director of Development for Covenant House Washington, Renee Sharrow, Public Relations Manager for Mandarin Oriental*

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